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Letter dated 3 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 1 March 2015 by a spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People's Army and of a statement released on 2 March 2015 by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) with regard to the ongoing joint nuclear war games waged by the United States of America and south Korea against the DPRK (see annexes).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council as soon as possible.

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Annex I to the letter dated 3 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement issued on 1 March 2015 by a spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People's Army

The Korean People's Army will never remain a passive onlooker to Key Resolve and Foal Eagle

A spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People's Army issued the following statement on Sunday, 1 March 2015:

The US imperialists and south Korean puppet forces decided to kick off adventurous Key Resolve and Foal Eagle joint military exercises on 2 March despite strong protest and denunciation at home and abroad.

The three services of the US imperialist aggressor forces have already been deployed in south Korea and its vicinity for these war manoeuvres and huge forces of the south Korean puppet army, war servants of their US master, are fully ready for them.

Involved there are the US satellite forces, including the UK, France, Australia and Canada.

Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, which will last until 24 April, are dangerous nuclear war drills for invading the DPRK as they are aimed at swiftly hurling and forward-deploying the US imperialist aggressor forces in contingency on the Korean peninsula, mounting a surprise preemptive attack on it by using "combined forces", "liquidating" the DPRK's headquarters and "occupying Pyongyang".

The gravity of the situation lies in that these war exercises started in the wake of the recent undisguised declaration made by Obama, the chieftain of war of the US imperialists, that it is the policy target of the US to stamp out the ideology chosen by the DPRK and "bring down" its social system.

In a word, Key Resolve and Foal Eagle are an undisguised encroachment upon the sovereignty and dignity of the DPRK and an unpardonable war hysteria of dishonest hostile forces.

In the final analysis, the above-said saber-rattling clearly proves that the claim of the US imperialists and their followers that the war manoeuvres are of a "defensive nature" is a crafty sophism to conceal their reckless, preemptive nuclear attack on the DPRK and their rhetoric about "annual drills" is nothing but a smokescreen to cover up their surprise invasion of the north.

The situation on the Korean peninsula is again inching close to the brink of war.

In view of the prevailing situation, the General Staff of the Korean People's Army clarifies the following principled stand internally and externally:

1. Now that the dangerous war drills of the US imperialists and their followers have been kicked off, our revolutionary armed forces will never remain a passive onlooker to this grave situation.

The DPRK had already declared before the world that, as the Obama group is becoming all the more desperate in its smear campaign against the DPRK, the group is ratcheting up its harsh sanctions and pressure on the DPRK and its war drills against the DPRK are gaining in scope and strength, pursuant to its outrageous hostile policy towards the DPRK, the DPRK will take toughest measures to cope with them.

Key Resolve and Foal Eagle go to prove that the extremely hostile policy of the US towards the DPRK is being implemented through dangerous practical actions.

The Korean People's Army will never overlook the saber-rattling, as its aggressive and offensive nature has been brought to light.

Our revolutionary armed forces never engage in empty talk.

The US imperialists and their allies should bear in mind that all the means of carrying out ground, sea, underwater, air and cyber strikes of our revolutionary armed forces are always aimed at their designated targets and are fully ready to strike them.

2. They should clearly know that our revolutionary armed forces will never allow their slightest intrusion into the DPRK's territory, airspace and waters.

The DPRK had already declared internally and externally its firm determination to bring about earlier the final ruin of the US imperialists and their allies through a conventional Korean-style war if they unleash a conventional war against it, through powerful Korean-style nuclear strikes if they ignite a nuclear war against it and by preeminent Korean-style cyber war if they attempt to "bring it down" by cyber war.

Our powerful revolutionary Paektusan army has bolstered its weaponry to take revenge upon them during the past several decades, to put its pledge into practice.

Those drills are the most undisguised infringement upon the DPRK's sovereignty and dignity and a grave military provocation to it for which there can never be an excuse.

It is the consistent stand of our revolutionary armed forces that should even a single shell drop on any place over which the sovereignty of the DPRK is exercised, it will promptly take counteractions.

3. The US imperialists and their allies should clearly know that the outrageous and vicious aggressive actions being staged by them under the signboard of peace will never work on the DPRK in this bright world.

It is the gangster-like US that claims that Key Resolve and Foal Eagle aim to "conquer" the capital city of the sovereign State and "liquidate" its headquarters while insisting that they are "defensive and "annual" ones.

The US scenario is to make a unipolar world dominated by the US, where US-style democracy and a market economy hold sway.

The evermore undisguised military moves of the US imperialists on the Korean peninsula and in its vicinity, such as Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, are not only targeted at the DPRK.

It is the real intention of the US expanded hostile policy toward the DPRK to lay a vast siege to the continent and let the Far East and the Asian continent allow the US high-handed and arbitrary practices.

The US is seriously mistaken if it thinks such moves will work on the Korean peninsula and the rest of this bright world.

The revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK will further bolster their weapons to annihilate the enemies as the US imperialists become evermore ferocious in their aggressive nature, the south Korean puppet forces escalate confrontation with the fellow countrymen in the north to prolong their remaining days and dishonest hostile forces blindly follow them.

The only means to cope with the aggression and war by the US imperialists and their followers is neither dialogue nor peace. They should be dealt with only by merciless strikes.

The DPRK's revolutionary armed forces will sharply watch, with a high degree of combat alertness, the dangerous saber-rattling of the US imperialists and their followers.

The US imperialist aggressors, the south Korean puppet forces and their followers will have to bitterly regret the irretrievable consequences of Key Resolve and Foal Eagle.

Annex II to the letter dated 3 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement released on 2 March 2015 by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK released the following statement on Monday, 2 March 2015, in connection with the fact that the US started, with the south Korean puppet forces Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, joint military exercises, which are war exercises for invading the DPRK, despite its repeated warnings.

The drills to be staged across south Korea from 2 March to 24 April are said to involve huge US forces in south Korea, the US mainland, Japan and other overseas bases, south Korean puppet forces and massive war means, including a US coastal warship that was manufactured to suit the seabed features off the Korean peninsula.

The exercises are intolerable moves of aggression carried out pursuant to the US-Korea strategy designed to "bring down" the socialist system chosen by the Korean people.

By putting sustained military pressure on the DPRK, the US seeks to prevent it from concentrating efforts on economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standard, and by describing those exercises as "annual" and "defensive" ones, it seeks to have the DPRK become accustomed to its war exercises and grow lax, and then invade the DPRK in the end.

The US launch of the joint military exercises on the Korean peninsula in defiance of the unanimous protest and denunciation by people around it is prompted by a sinister trick pursuant to its Asia-Pacific strategy.

Through the continued joint military exercises, the US intends to keep the south Korean puppet forces, its servants, close to it, stem the north-south relations from advancing and use the puppet forces as cannon fodder for besieging and containing surrounding countries.

At the same time, the US also seeks to keep the situation on the peninsula tense and maintain the pretext for an arms build-up in the Asia-Pacific region.

This year's joint military exercises are of a more provocative nature than ever before.

The DPRK set forth bold and flexible proposals to remove the danger of war, defuse tension and create a peaceful environment on the Korean peninsula this year and has made sincere efforts for their realization.

It clarified that, should the US stop, for the time being, joint military exercises in and around south Korea, we have the willingness to respond with a moratorium on a nuclear test which the US is much concerned about and, as expressed, we are always ready to sit with the US at a negotiating table.

But from the outset of the year, the US president personally declared "additional sanctions" against the DPRK and blustered that it will "bring down" the socialist system which the Korean people regard as dearer than their own lives, and started the aggression war exercises with the south Korean puppet forces against the DPRK, thereby blatantly challenging the sincere proposals and efforts made by the DPRK.

This has only brought to light the nature of the US as the chief culprit escalating tension and harassing peace and the deceptive nature of its hypocritical talk about dialogue.

The exercises have an especially high possibility of causing a spark given the grim situation and atmosphere caused by the US and the south Korean puppet forces' provocative anti-DPRK confrontational frenzy.

Now that the US has become all the more pronounced in its hostile policy toward the DPRK, bereft of reason, the army and people of the DPRK will take tougher counteraction for justice.

As already declared, they are fully ready for any form of war which the US wants and may opt for and are full of the firm will to counter the enemies' slightest provocation with the just great war for national reunification.

In case a war breaks out on the Korean peninsula at last, the US and the south Korean puppet forces can never evade consequences and responsibilities.